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TIENTSIN REGULATES WHARFAGE EXEMPTION;
FOREIGN SHIPS ACTIVE IN COASTAL SHIPPING

MILITARY SHIPS EXEMPT FROM WHARFAGE FEE -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 1 Jul 50

Tientsin -- The Tientsin Municipal Revenue Bureau has revealed its new regulation to exempt certain ships and cargoes from wharfage fees in Tientsin. It will become effective immediately. This regulation contains the following provisions:

1. The following ships will be exempt from wharfage fees -- idle military ships; military ships damaged by natural calamity, or by enemy action, which are unable to depart immediately; and ships especially exempt by order of the Central People's government from paying wharfage fees.
2. Wharfage-free cargoes left at wharves beyond their time limit may continue to be exempt with special government approval.
3. The following cargoes will be exempt from wharfage fees: medical equipment and pharmaceuticals belonging to noncommercial medical organizations and societies; books and instruments belonging to and used by noncommercial, cultural, and educational organizations; food and clothing belonging to military forces; goods belonging to legations of friendly nations; and goods especially exempt by the government from paying wharfage fees.

TS'AO-FEI-TIEN LIGHTHOUSE REPAIRED -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 1 Jul 50

Tientsin -- The Ts'ao-fei-tien lighthouse (38 56 02 N, 118 30 45 E), which has not been in operation since it was destroyed by the Japanese in 1944, has been repaired and was lighted again on 27 June 1950. This lighthouse, the most important navigational light in the Gulf of Chihli, flashes a white beam 3/10 of a second duration every 3 seconds. The visibility of the light is 13 nautical miles.

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HONG KONG-SHANGHAI SHIPPING SERVICE STEPPED UP -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 8 Aug 50

Hong Kong -- The steamship Yo-chou will arrive in Hong Kong from Tientsin on 10 August, carrying more than 1,000 tons of beans, pharmaceuticals, and miscellaneous cargo, and about 100 passengers. The steamship Kuei-yang is due in Hong Kong on 8 August from Swatow with both passengers and cargo.

Ships scheduled to leave Hong Kong for various ports in North and East China are: passenger ship Po-yang, belonging to Butterfield and Swire, bound for Tsingtao and Tientsin on 10 August; the steamship Chun-sang, belonging to Jardine and Matheson, for Tsingtao and Tientsin on 12 August; and the steamship Eastern Trader for Tientsin on 13 August.

FOREIGN SHIPS INCREASE -- Hong Kong Hsin-tao Jih-pao, 13 Aug 50

Hong Kong -- Recently, the number of foreign ships plying between Hong Kong and Shanghai have increased considerably. They include: the steamship Chi-nan, belonging to Butterfield and Swire, which left Hong Kong on 12 August; the Ta-li-hua, a Norwegian ship, which also departed recently; the Chieh-hsi (Jeep Hee), a British ship, which just arrived in Hong Kong from Shanghai; and the steamship Mausang, a British ship, which will come into Hong Kong from Tsingtao on 14 August and depart for Shanghai on 18 August.

DANISH SHIP ARRIVES FROM TSINGTAO -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 22 Aug 50

Hong Kong -- A Danish steamer, the Heinrich Jessen, arrived in Hong Kong on 20 August from Tsingtao, carrying 161 passengers and more than 1,000 tons of cargo, and will depart again for Tsingtao and Tientsin on 23 August. She is the former Japanese ship K'un-ming, now owned by the Chieh-cheng Shipping Company in Hong Kong.

MAY RESTORE PASSENGER SHIP SERVICE -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 23 Aug 50

Hong Kong -- Passenger ship service between Hong Kong and Amoy, which has not been in operation for the past several months, may be resumed again soon. According to an observer in Hong Kong shipping industrial circles, shipping service is being continued between Hong Kong and Ch'uan-chou and Han-chiang in Fukien Province, but the volume of trade is small and business is bad. On the other hand, there are a large number of Chinese who are waiting to get from Hong Kong to Amoy by ship.

Shipping service between Hong Kong and Amoy was up to capacity until the spring of 1950, but it had to be discontinued completely due to the Nationalist blockade.

BRITISH SHIP HIT MINE OFF SHANGHAI -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 24 Aug 50

Hong Kong -- A reliable source in Hong Kong reported that the steamship Chieh-hsi (Jeep Hee), which attempted to enter Shanghai on 23 August, struck a mine 40 nautical miles above the mouth of the Yangtze River. Details of the accident were not fully reported, but the ship is in sinking condition. She was transporting more than 600 tons of sugar and other cargo from South China to Shanghai when hit a mine.

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SHIPPING SERVICE NORMAL ALONG SOUTH CHINA COAST -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao,
26 Aug 50

Canton, 25 August -- Shipping service along the coast of Kwangtung Province was quickly restored after the liberation of Hainan and Wan-shan Islands. The Canton Navigation Control Bureau reported that between 1 and 20 August, 9 ships and 15 motor-sail boats sailed between Canton and Hai-k'ou, 12 ships between Canton and Swatow, 4 ships between Canton and Shan-wei, and 2 ships between Canton and Pei-hai.

FOREIGN SHIPPING TO SWATOW INCREASES -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 31 Aug 50

Hong Kong -- The number of foreign ships changing over to the Hong Kong-Swatow route continues to increase. The latest addition is the Dutch ship Van Heutsz, which will begin its schedule on 3 September. This ship originally made Swatow the northern terminal of her route between the South Sea Islands and China, but discontinued service beyond Hong Kong after Swatow fell to the Communists.

COMMUNIST SHIP DEFECTS TO NATIONALISTS -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao,
31 Aug 50

Quemoy, 30 August -- The crew of the 800-ton vessel Hua-fu, who turned against the Chinese Communist regime while on their way to Canton and came into Quemoy, were given a warm welcome by the people of Quemoy. They were ordered by the Communist regime to proceed to Canton from Hong Kong, where their ship was undergoing repairs, to join the Communist Navy, but disobeyed the order and came into Quemoy, attempting to get to Taiwan. The ship was formerly owned by the Ch'iang-hua Shipping Company in Chungking.

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